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## MILLS INSTITUTE

It is becoming increasingly clear that "Our Decisions Now Shape the Future Peace"; this is the theme announced for the tenth annual session of the Institute of International Relations which will meet on the Mills College Campus this summer from June 18 to 28. A remarkably varied group of leaders have been secured by the Institute to present lectures and to lead informal discussions on the many aspects of this theme. Special emphasis will be given to the international significance of the November elections, the reconstruction of nations now under Nazi domination and the hopes of the underground resistance groups in this reconstruction, the role which Russia may play in the future of Europe, and the future of subject peoples in Africa and in the Pacific area.

Heading the faculty of 15 or 18 will be the following: Louis Dolivet, Secretary of the Free World Association and editor of Free World Magazine, a member of the French Air Corps in this war and formerly active in the International Peace Campaign and in Geneva with Sir Robert Cecil; Walter Kotschnig, well-known educator from Smith College, for many years General Secretary of the International Student Service in Geneva, and one-time Director of the League of Nations High Commission for Refugees Coming from Germany; Bertram Wolfe, book-reviewer for the New York Times and New York Herald-Tribune, who has lived many years in Russia and covered the Spanish civil war as a reporter; Kermit Eby, Assistant Director of Research and Education of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, for six years the executive secretary of the Chicago Teachers' Union, and a frequent contributor of articles to the Christian Century and other periodicals; Lowell Joseph Ragatz, professor of Modern European History at George Washington University, a recognized authority on all angles of imperialism, especially Africa; Institute leaders from California will include Ernest B. Price, recently appointed director of the Institute of Pacific Relations in this area and for many years in the United States consular service in China: Hubert Phillips, social science professor at Fresno State College; Maria Hoge, Director of the Office of Inter-American Affairs at Stanford University, who has lived most of her life below the Rio Grande; C. Langdon White, noted geographer and authority on Inter-American affairs; Carl Landauer, German-born economist at the University of California; Annie Clo Watson of the San Francisco International Institute; Leslie Shaffer, traveller and one of Quakerism's leading spokesmen.

The topics and leaders outlined above promise ten days of rich experience for teachers, ministers, young people and others who can take advantage of the Institute this year. Further information may be secured from Tom Hunt, Mills College, Oakland.

## HUMBOLDT CONFERENCE

Field Secretary William W. Meyer is cooperating with several other denominations in planning for a youth conference in the Humboldt County area. Distance makes it difficult for Humboldt young people to attend their denominational institutes, and there are not enough in any one group to make a successful conference.

## WORLD ORDER COMPACT

*Reflecting the ancient and stately language of the Mayflower Compact, the following statement has been heard by our churches and signed by large numbers of our members. At a service of dedication at the General Council these signatures will be gathered as a testimony of our people to their faith in a better world order.*

**In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, loyal members of ..... Church of ....., do solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together to work for a just and cooperative world order. We pray that our nation shall help to establish an international organization for the better ordering of the interdependent life of nations, the preservation of peace with justice, and the furtherance of the general good of all peoples. Unto this great task we commit our wills and our ways. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names.**
**Anno Domini, 1944.**

## YOUTH AT LAKESIDE, O.

Instead of having a week-long conference coincident with the General Council, as was done at Rockford, Mills, and Deering in 1938, 1940, and 1942, the national Pilgrim Fellowship will join in the Christian Youth Conference of North America at Lakeside, Ohio, from June 27 to July 2, and then will continue for three days in their own gathering. Two hundred Congregational young people will be included in the total of 1500 coming from all parts of North America. Each Conference is entitled to four youth and one adult delegates, with voting power. Field Secretary William W. Meyer will be our adult delegate and a search is being made for young people who can go and will be in a position to take leadership in our state work during the coming year. One or two such young people may be named as delegates to the adult General Council, and participate either in a seminar for students or Pilgrim Fellowship.

### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Herewith is list of officers elected at the spring meetings of the Associations. This item might well be clipped and pasted in the Conference Hand Book and Directory. The Bay Association elected in January.

**Central**: Moderator, Mr. J. A. Ward, Lodi; Assistant Moderator, Mrs. F. P. Brown, Stockton; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Stockton. 1945 meeting at Lodi.

**Redwood Empire**: Moderator, Rev. E. W. Perry, Sonoma; Registrar, Rev. F. E. Boren, Kenwood. 1945 meeting at Sonoma.

**Sacramento Valley**: Moderator, Mrs. J. N. Ward, Auburn; Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. P. Shier, Loomis; Registrar, Rev. F. E. Carlson, Oroville. 1945 meeting at Paradise.

**San Joaquin Valley**: Moderator, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Fresno; Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. L. Rice, Tulare; Registrar, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Porterville. 1945 meeting at Fowler.

**Santa Clara Valley**: Moderator, Rev. H. J. Loken, San Carlos; Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. K. Ballou, Sunnyvale; Registrar, Rev. R. B. Cherington, Palo Alto. 1945 meeting at San Mateo.

**Upper Bay**: Moderator, Mr. W. A. Davis, Crockett; Registrar, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Pittsburg. 1945 meeting at Benicia.

**German Conference**: Moderator, Rev. J. N. Sauer, Fresno; Assistant Moderator and Treasurer, Rev. R. P. Uhlmann, Sanger; Registrar, Rev. Jonathan Weber.

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## In Memoriam

Rev. Raymond C. Brooks made the great transition on Sunday, May 14, after a brief illness. As a comparatively young man he was pastor of the old Pilgrim Church in Oakland, and then, after a period of years in the northwest, became the pastor of the First Church, Berkeley, in 1913. Subsequently he was head of the Department of Religion at Pomona College and president of the Cumnock School of Los Angeles. While in Berkeley he was professor of homiletics at Pacific School of Religion. He was a true scholar, a prophet of insight, a great friend, and a leader in our fellowship.

### GENERAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

As Pacific goes to press, it appears that the following named persons who have been elected delegates to the General Council at Grand Rapids, are planning to attend: Rev. A. C. Hacke, Miss Dorothea Brookover, Rev. and Mrs. Torrance Phelps, Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Bennett, Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. J. H. Bennett, Rev. J. H. McCartney, Rev. N. F. Sanderson, Rev W. W. Meyer, Rev. E. F Ouellette, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. F. W. Gross, and Mr. Carl P. Christian. There will be several vacancies in our delegation, and there may be one or two last minute substitutions.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11-17—Camp Sequoia, San Joaquin Area P. F.
June 19-26—Loma Mar P. F. Camp, Santa Cruz Mountains.
June 18-28—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
June 21-28—General Council, Grand Rapids, Mich.
June 24-July 1—Lakewood P. F. Camp, Lake Tahoe.
June 27-July 2—Christian Youth Council of N. America, Lakeside, Ohio.
July 3-5—National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship, Lakeside, Ohio.
July 22-29—Humboldt Christian Youth Camp.
July 30-August 5—Junior High Camp, Monte Toyon.
July 26-31—M.E.M. Conference, San Anselmo.
Aug. 1-10—Laboratory School for Christian Teachers, San Anselmo.
Aug. 11-13—Christian Youth Council of N. California, San Anselmo.
Aug. 20-26—Lokoya P. F. Camp, near Napa.
Aug. 26-28—Pilgrim Fellowship Leadership Camp, Redwood Canyon.
Sept. 2-4—Young Adult Conference, Redwood Canyon.
Oct. 17-19—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Oakland, First Church.

## SUMMER SESSION

Pacific School of Religion, in association with the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, is offering a summer session of two terms. The first begins June 19 and closes July 21; the second runs from July 24 to August 25. There will be a tuition charge of $25 for each term, or $9 for a single course. Announcements may be secured by those interested, by writing directly to the School, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley 4.

## One Year More

Congregational churches and ministers of northern California feel a deep sense of loss over the news that Professor James Muilenburg has accepted a position on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, to begin one year hence. This is the second of our leaders to be called to Union within a comparatively short time. Dr. Muilenburg came to Berkeley from the University of Maine, and had previously taught at Mt. Holyoke College. He received ordination in this Conference, and has been interim minister of our churches and has addressed innumerable groups and conferences up and down the Coast. Those who attended the State Conference meeting last October will remember the prophetic sermon which he preached. His classes have been among the most popular at the Pastoral Conferences. He has not only been a leader, but a brother beloved. His going will leave a gap in our fellowship that will be hard to fill.

### ABOUT THAT CHILDREN'S PROJECT

Women's groups and others who may wish to know more about the Children's Project of Grace United Church of the Mission in San Francisco, which project is one of the objects of the Thank Offering of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, will be interested to know that there is now available for churches in the Bay area a stereopticon lecture available showing pictures of the Project. For the time being, the lecture will have to be given by the pastor of the Church, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, but later on it is planned to make it available to any church in the Conference which has a projector for showing standard 3¼ x 4-inch slides at the cost only of paying express both ways. There are at present about 20 slides, but the group is being enlarged so that there will probably be 30 to 40 when it is complete. For particulars, address Mr. Gaylord at 580 Capp Street, San Francisco 10, Calif.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BULLETIN

The Christian Education Committee of the Conference, and Field Secretary William W. Meyer, have undertaken to send a bulletin to church school superintendents and pastors and other educational leaders from time to time. It is an attractive mimeographed sheet entitled "Christian Education." It is intended to call attention to the new materials, to the facilities afforded for visual education, methods of improving worship,—in short, to help raise the standards of church schools, vacation church schools, and weekday religious training. Church schools that desire copies for circulation may secure them at modest cost.

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## SUMMER AHEAD

The month of May showed splendid returns from a considerable number of larger churches, but many of the smaller ones failed to make any remittances. The summer is upon us. The end of June will see the date for remitting to the national Boards. Churches and treasurers will help greatly by maintaining a steady flow of remittances.

| Church | May 1944 | Jan. 11 to May 31,'44 | Jan. 11 to May 31,'43 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adin | $ ..... | $ ..... | $ 3.40 |
| Alameda | 103.28 | 316.72 | 277.62 |
| | | 31.45 | 59.36 |
| Alturas | ..... | 37.59 | 37.50 |
| Angels Camp | ..... | 32.59 | 12.44 |
| Antioch | 17.70 | 57.70 | 40.00 |
| Auburn | ..... | ..... | 26.06 |
| Benicia | ..... | 18.55 | 20.00 |
| Berkeley, Arlington | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| First | 743.46 | 2,714.28 | 2,260.73 |
| North | 73.60 | 231.12 | 201.25 |
| Park | ..... | ..... | 22.01 |
| Campbell | ..... | 75.00 | 70.00 |
| | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Cedarville | 14.95 | 55.36 | 39.47 |
| Cloverdale | ..... | 51.87 | 34.45 |
| Cotati | 10.00 | 60.82 | 31.03 |
| Crockett | ..... | 5.84 | ..... |
| Etna | 54.80 | 241.02 | 178 40 |
| Eureka | ..... | ..... | 30.75 |
| Fairfax | 14.55 | 92.55 | 94.77 |
| Ferndale | 300.00 | 811.24 | 865.33 |
| Fresno, First | ..... | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| Pilgrim | ..... | 24.05 | 10.00 |
| Glen Ellen | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Hayward | ..... | 9.82 | 12.30 |
| Kenwood | ..... | ..... | 29.04 |
| Likely | 530.00 | 930.00 | 928.25 |
| Lodi, First | ..... | 32.95 | 13.05 |
| Loleta | 27.13 | 27.13 | 23.05 |
| Loomis | 38.21 | 144.65 | 116.82 |
| Martinez | ..... | 81.00 | 81.00 |
| Murphys | 55.00 | 55.00 | ..... |
| Niles | 440.00 | 2,310.00 | 2,250.00 |
| Oakland, First | ..... | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Fruitvale | 10.00 | 25.00 | 15.00 |
| Pilgrim | 235.95 | 641.69 | 477.48 |
| Plymouth | ..... | 125.11 | 70.56 |
| Oroville | ..... | 97.58 | 18.80 |
| Pacific Grove | ..... | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Palo Alto | 25.00 | 125.00 | 157.70 |
| Paradise | ..... | 50.00 | 10.00 |
| Parlier | ..... | 59.59 | 22.25 |
| Penngrove | ..... | 10.00 | ..... |
| Pescadero | ..... | 288.37 | 215.83 |
| Petaluma | 20.95 | 57.69 | 71.25 |
| Pittsburg | ..... | 200.00 | 190.00 |
| Porterville | ..... | 228.00 | 253.94 |
| Redwood City | ..... | 44.00 | 14.00 |
| Rio Vista | ..... | 83.37 | 85.31 |
| Ripon | 80.00 | 400.00 | 327.59 |
| Sacramento | ..... | 30.00 | 25.00 |
| Salida | ..... | 41.01 | 50.79 |
| San Carlos | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| San Francisco: | ..... | 73.00 | 130.92 |
| Bethany Msn Park | ..... | 220.64 | 515.39 |
| First | 20.00 | 80.00 | 49.47 |
| Ocean View | 6.00 | 54.00 | 75.00 |
| Richmond | 94.35 | 322.89 | 325.00 |
| San Jose | 16.40 | 39.55 | 45.39 |
| San Leandro | ..... | 512.94 | 376.44 |
| San Mateo | ..... | 80.00 | 40.00 |
| San Rafael | 145.00 | 420.00 | 150.00 |
| Santa Cruz | 43.00 | 92.50 | 64.00 |
| Santa Rosa | 20.00 | 157.55 | 156.29 |
| Saratoga | ..... | 72.60 | 42.41 |
| Sebastopol | ..... | 42.45 | 74.60 |
| Sonoma | ..... | 18.00 | 25.00 |
| Soquel | 59.29 | 209.43 | 227.68 |
| Stockton | ..... | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Suisun | 20.00 | 169.00 | 179.23 |
| Tulare | ..... | 70.00 | 20.00 |
| Weaverville | ..... | 28.80 | 26.00 |
| Woodside | 69.75 | 190.87 | 185.52 |
| Reno, Nevada | 27.82 | 1,060.67 | 813.60 |
| *Miscellaneous | $3,416.19 | $15,484.60 | $13,810.52 |

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

Religious News Service reports that of London's 225 Congregational churches, 160 have been damaged by bombing, with 60 completely destroyed.

# SNAP SHOTS

**India:** sixty canteens are feeding daily 6,500 infants and small children, sufferers from the prevailing famine. Two homes provide temporary care for destitute families. Drugs are being shipped from America to combat disease.

**Egypt:** after years of privation, Greek refugees are thankfully enjoying the camps established for them, with tents bathed in sunshine, shade trees, and schools.

**Switzerland:** 600 homeless children of many nationalities line up twice a week to have health-giving vitamins popped directly into their mouths.

**Palestine:** a four-year-old child born to refugee parents, who had just arrived at the communal settlement of Mizra, solemnly inspected her comfortable bed, the mattress, and the fresh sheets. Then she inquired in Polish, "And does God also sleep in such a bed?" A telling commentary on her life up to that moment!

**A Prison Camp:** behind the barbed wire, men from nineteen to sixty are attending classes, reading in the camp library, making useful articles in the workshop, and even staging an evening entertainment. These activities are of great assistance to the men in maintaining mental and spiritual health.

**Civilian Public Service Camp:** a group of paratroopers drop from a plane circling over a wooded area from which thick smoke is rising. With their special equipment, these boys, trained like army troops, move in to get the fire under control. Many of them long to be doing more direct and dangerous welfare work in war-devastated areas.

What has helped to make all this work possible? In part, at least, the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services. At Easter, in one of our churches, a young girl gave $6.00 of her own money, then sold flowers from door to door to increase to $10.00 her gift to the Committee. She has set a fine example for us all as we press toward our goal of $1,000,000 by the end of June.—Miriam S. Converse.

## WHY ONE YOUNG FIGHTER FIGHTS

*Following is a selection from a letter written by a young flyer serving in the armed forces, to his pastor, Rev. Truman Douglass formerly of St. Louis and now of the Board of Home Missions:*

"I am tired of being told that I am fighting to defend America or to win an American victory. I am not. At the very least, I am fighting not for the United States but for the United Nations. But I am fighting for very much more than that. I am not fighting to destroy Germany but for a strong Germany—a Germany much stronger than she has been in the past. I want to see a Germany so strong economically and politically and spiritually that she will be immune against this terrible inferiority disease which is Nazism. If I were in the Pacific area, I should not be fighting to destroy Japan, but to make Japan much stronger than she has ever been. I want to see her freed from economic disadvantage and racial humiliation—evils for which America is in part responsible. If I thought I were fighting merely for the United States I should desert tomorrow. I am fighting in the hope that humanity will have the chance to complete the social and spiritual revolution which has begun—to defeat the counter-revolution of nationalism and reaction which threatens it. And I know that this counter-revolution will have to be defeated in my own country as well as in Germany and Japan."

Chaplain L. Verdette Walters, formerly pastor at Martinez, is now located at Camp Roberts. Mrs. Walters is at their home in Martinez.

## To Ban Racial Covenants

At its meeting in April, the Committee on Social Action voted to ask Congregational churches and ministers in northern California, and in particular in the Bay area, to give aid in stopping the initiating or renewing of so-called "Restrictive Covenants" by which property owners in certain districts bind themselves not to permit any but "Caucasians" to occupy their property. These covenants are usually aimed at Negroes, although Chinese, Filipinos, and others are also excluded. It is these covenants which lie back of the unutterably bad and crowded housing conditions under which Negroes must live, and the bad housing is quite generally accepted as one of the primary causes for racial tensions and even such riots as occurred in Detroit about a year ago. Furthermore, it is the Committee's opinion that they are un-democratic and un-Christian. Therefore, they urge every minister and church to bind themselves not to sign but rather to oppose these covenants as they appear or come up for renewal. Two or three in any area who refuse to sign can often defeat the covenant..

## JAPANESE LOYAL TO U.S.A.

A letter from H. V. Kaltenborn, radio commentator, reads as follows:

"I have just returned from a comprehensive, although brief, tour of our Pacific fighting areas.

"On the basis of first-hand information I can tell you that American citizens of Japanese ancestry are performing some of the most valuable work that is being done by our Armed Forces in the Pacific. These American citizens of Japanese ancestry have not only proved their loyalty, but in many cases they have voluntarily risked their lives in order to perform important front-line services.

"With rare exceptions they are the only competent Japanese translators available to our Armed Forces. Those that have been given the privilege of taking up arms in the Italian war theater have also distinguished themselves. The number of medals which they have earned for outstanding service is large in proportion to their numbers.

"In talking with General Richardson, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army in the Central Pacific, with headquarters at Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands, he informed me that there has not been a single case of active disloyalty proved against a single one of the 160,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans in the Hawaiian Islands. As he put it, 'We have no Japanese problem.'

"I have given an interview to the press in San Francisco, in which I stated that there must be something wrong with the way the Japanese problem has been handled in continental United States.

"I expect to comment on this matter in my broadcasts as the news may suggest. But you are at liberty to use the statements I have made in this letter in any way that will further the cause of decent treatment for American citizens, whose only crime is that they were born of Japanese parents."

### SYLVAN DALE SCHOOL

Northern California pastors who will be in attendance at the Sylvan Dale Summer School for Ministers, at Loveland, Colorado, will be Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Saratoga, Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Reno, Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler of Fresno, and Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Grace United Church, San Francisco.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill made a trip to Modoc County the latter part of May, holding services and business meetings at Adin, Cedarville, Likely and Alturas.

**FRESNO, FIRST.** Thirty adults and two young people were received into membership on Whitsunday. On Mother's Day there were 338 people in attendance and nine babies were christened. Nineteen young people have registered for the Sequoia Lake Conference. Rev. John H. Gregg will give the commencement addresses for three valley high schools.

**MARTINEZ.** Fourteen children were baptized and 27 new members were welcomed into fellowship on Mother's Day and a dozen more are ready. A worship center has been installed by the High School group in their class room. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, has announced that on Invasion Day the church will be open at noon and again at seven in the evening.

**ALTURAS.** Since the coming of Rev. R. D. Licklider the interior of the sanctuary has been beautified by two lovely flags and an illuminated cross. A new roof has been given the parsonage and the grounds around the building tidied up. Other improvements are in prospect. Attendance has increased and once a month a community sing fills the church.

**STOCKTON.** At the spring luncheon of the Women's Fellowship, Mrs. J. LeRoy Johnson spoke on "Washington As It Looks to the Wife of a Freshman Congressman." Congressman and Mrs. Johnson are members of this church. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

**FAIRFAX.** Rev. Rudolph Caughey, for thirteen years pastor of the Federated Church of Crockett, has been called to the pastorate and is at work. Mr. and Mrs. Caughey will bring to Fairfax just the leadership that is needed as the church plans for a new chapel.

**BERKELEY, FIRST.** This church met its quota of sponsors for the Pacific School of Religion. An assistant church secretary, on a part-time basis, has been secured. One hundred fifty members of this church are in the armed services.

**BERKELEY, CHINESE.** The young people had complete charge of the program on Mother's Day, the church being filled to capacity. A hot lunch was served following the service. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong is pastor.

**ADIN.** Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis, ordained Baptist minister and formerly assistant to Rev. R. D. Licklider, now pastor at Alturas, will in all probability conduct services at Adin during the summer.

**REEDLEY, FINNISH.** A new choir has been organized and church attendance has improved. All departments of the work are responding to the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Olli Jokisaari.

**LIKELY.** A splendid Sunday School with a very encouraging attendance is being held regularly.

### TRAINING FOR THE MINISTRY

Mr. Dennis Bennett, the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett of Campbell, with his wife and two tiny children has left for Chicago, where he will continue his studies for the ministry at the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Seminary. Dennis is a young man of fine talent, both as a speaker and as a musician, and will be a strong addition to our ministry. Two other sons of the manse from northern California are in Chicago Seminary,—Leland Mahood, the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mahood of Santa Cruz, and George Tolson, the son of Professor and Mrs. George T. Tolson of Pacific School of Religion.

# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

**OAKLAND, FIRST.** The young people presented an extravaganza, at which funds were raised to help those who will be in attendance at summer conference. Service men were guests. The spring festival of the Women's League was unique in presenting a pictorial review, with pictures of brides, service men, early and present day church members and groups, on display. Mothers and babies of the young matron group posed as living pictures. Eighty young people attended the East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship rally held in this church. Members of the Sequoia Masonic Lodge and their families attended the service on Mother's Day, and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor, was speaker at a Masonic breakfast attended by 1200 men.

**SANTA ROSA.** Rev. Gordon L. Foster reports a church building full every Sunday at joint services of Congregational and Presbyterian churches. Three churches are cooperating in setting up an interchurch center for service men in the Congregational building. Service men's wives will have use of it in the afternoons for sewing, ironing, and good fellowship. One of the parlors is being decorated and furnished beautifully and service men from nearby camps will be made welcome on Sunday evenings and two or three other evenings during the week.

**SACRAMENTO, PIONEER.** At the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Torrance Phelps there were 676 members. The membership list was revised and 143 were dropped. Since his coming, 650 new members have united. Many have moved away, so that there are 181 non-resident members, and nearly a hundred are in the service of the Nation. Rev. and Mrs. Torrance Phelps will attend the General Council at Grand Rapids and have an opportunity to visit friends and relatives during their vacation in the East.

**REDWOOD CITY.** DeMolay boys participated in the service on Mother's Day, which brought an attendance second only to that of Easter. Eagle Scout Donald Stout of this church was elected vice-president of the West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship at its rally at San Carlos. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, will be on the Loma Mar summer camp faculty. The deacons are providing preachers for his vacation month, which is July.

**OROVILLE.** After a ministry of about sixteen months, Rev. Frank E. Carlson has tendered his resignation, to accept the post of Comptroller at Pacific School of Religion. The announcement came as a shock to his people, for splendid progress had been made during the brief time of his ministry. A committee was at once appointed, and their attention is already directed toward an able young man who will be heard during July.

**BENICIA.** A building committee is at work in planning and in actual physical labor. Church dinners are to be held the second Sunday of each month. A church hour nursery has been established. The pastor, Rev. Elmo Wolfe, and his wife have open house once a week. Each evening is devoted to some special interest, such as camping, photography, poetry, drama, crafts, gardening, and music.

**RIO VISTA.** Joint choirs of the Baptist and Congregational Churches gave two evenings of Handel's "Messiah," with capacity attendance in each church. The first Gold Star was placed on the Honor Roll on Memorial Day. Plans for a Vacation Church School are under way. Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, the pastor, preached the High School baccalaureate sermon.

**OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH.** Six new members were received on Mother's Day. Mr. Roy Nichols, pastor of the South Berkeley Community Church, was received into membership in order that he might become eligible for licensing as a minister of the Gospel by the Bay Association. One hundred seventy-two persons signed the World Order Compact at the service on May 21. The Service Men's book is a beautiful piece of workmanship with fine leather binding. Data regarding each person in the service is included. About $1000 was given on Memorial Sunday for the Committee for War Victims and Services. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, the pastor, has returned from a trip to Nebraska with the remains of his mother, who passed away suddenly on April 23.

**OAKLAND, PILGRIM.** A Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized. Splendid progress has been made in covering the walls of the church and making a chancel arrangement. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, has been given permission to assist as "stay-at-home camp" director at Fremont High School in Oakland and later in San Leandro. They are joint enterprises of the public schools and the Y.M.C.A. Twenty members were received into fellowship during the Easter season. Sunday School enrollment has gone up from zero to 45.

**SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR.** The Women's Society, which has been a prime factor in the work of the church, has completed a most successful year of activity. There are 54 members, with an average attendance of 50, but more than double the membership attended the annual birthday luncheon. Dr. Frederick Ching, Principal of the San Leandro High School, was the guest speaker. The Society aims at having standards of beauty and excellence at their meetings. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

**SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST.** The Sunday evening forum has created interest in a number of pertinent themes, including "Practical Religion and Juvenile Delinquency," "Plans for a Better San Francisco," "What Does Russia Want?", "Prepare Young People for Marriage." Rev. W. Moffat Dennis has been secured as acting director of Christian Education. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is pastor.

**TRINITY COUNTY.** The outlook in Lewiston is most discouraging due to removal of population. Only five pupils were in the public school this spring. New people are moving into the Hayfork area, which may make it possible to resume services in the fall. Rev. P. N. Bennett will have his vacation so as to permit his attendance at the General Council in Grand Rapids.

**SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.** A memorial service was held Sunday afternoon, May 7, for one of the boys who had grown up in the Sunday School and was lost in action in the South Pacific. Two new members were received during May. Attendance at services of worship has shown a surprisingly large gain. Eugene Sill is pastor.

**SANTA CRUZ.** Various veterans' organizations and auxiliaries attended services on Memorial Sunday. The state commander of the G.A.R., Conrade J. Smith, 103 years of age, was a special guest of honor. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

**CEDARVILLE.** Rev. Terence E. Stoker, student at Pacific School of Religion, will be the summer preacher in Surprise Valley, beginning his work about the 20th of June.

**OAKLAND, FRUITVALE.** The tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Orr was observed by a reception on May 17 and an anniversary service on May 21. A beautiful birthday cake and other enjoyable refreshments were served at the reception and a substantial gift of money was given to Mr. and Mrs. Orr. Many words of appreciation were spoken. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the anniversary sermon, a very large congregation being in attendance. Mr. Orr was ordained fifty-three years ago and has been a resident of Oakland since 1912. He has had pastorates in the Boulevard and Myrtle Street Churches of Oakland, in Benicia, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and Seattle.

**CAMPBELL.** Plans for the Youth Camp from June 12 to 16 at Monte Toyon are near completion and a group of about 20 young people and four leaders will attend. The Guild Thrift Shop has been newly organized and staffed by members, and they look forward to a busy and prosperous summer. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, will attend the General Council at Grand Rapids, and also visit with his son, Dennis, who has accepted a student pastorate at Amboy, Illinois. Union services with the Methodist Church will be held while the minister is away.

**CROCKETT.** The resignation of Rev. Rudolph Caughey came as a shock to many Crockett people. A complimentary dinner and reception was extended to the pastor and his wife, with a substantial purse. The meeting was attended largely by citizens of the community, among them the priest of the Catholic Church. Rev. Harvey Miller, Rev. Huber Burr, and Rev. N. F. Sanderson have supplied the pulpit while search is going on for a new minister.

**PORTERVILLE.** The social hall is in demand for receptions, dinners, and musical recitals. Now service men's wives have a monthly gathering. Pilgrim Fellowship, with the help of the mothers, served the ladies' night dinner for the Rotary Club. Job's Daughters and DeMolays helped to fill the church for the morning service on May 7. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

**SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED.** On the first Sunday in June the pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, and his choir exchanged with Rev. Sidney H. Buckham and the choir of the San Mateo church. Nineteen members were received into the church recently. The Methodist wing of this federation has completed all of its funds in time for the Methodist Conference.

**SAN JOSE.** $18,000 was subscribed at a meeting of the church toward a new church building, to be erected as soon as feasible after the war. This exceeded the most optimistic estimates of the committee making the arrangements. The church has in mind a $60,000 project. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

**SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO.** Three thousand dollars has been paid off on the indebtedness of the church during the past five months. At this rate it will not be long before the church is free from the burden that has hampered it for many years. Rev. Robert L. Warren is pastor.

**PARLIER.** May was a busy month for Rev. N. K. Hachian, and in some ways a tragic one because of the accidental death of one of his members. He has been called as pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of San Francisco but has withheld his decision for the time being.

**SAN MATEO.** The after-Easter slump was conquered by a series of five consecutive special Sundays, with good attendance and sustained interest. These included the Northern California Council of Churches Sunday, with Supt. Gill preaching the sermon; the eightieth anniversary Sunday, Mother's Day, the signing of the World Order Compact, and Memorial Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Buckham were given a surprise at the last church night dinner, when they were presented with a beautiful silver tray in appreciation of their eight years of service. Mr. Buckham plans to attend the General Council meeting at Grand Rapids.

**SARATOGA.** Rev. Fred R. Morrow has been given the opportunity of attending the Sylvan Dale Summer School for Congregational Ministers. The church continues to send a bulletin once a month to its men in the service, giving news about the "old home town" and keeping service men in touch with each other. In a single week 474 people entered the church building. Of these, 230 were for religious worship and instruction, 141 for church and Sunday School fellowship, 46 in character building and activities, and the balance for day nursery and adult education. A small but adequate sound projector has been purchased.

**BERKELEY, ARLINGTON.** Members of the church presented their gifts on the first Sunday of June to take care of incidental expenses for the drawing of plans and the campaign of promotion for the new building project. New Pilgrim Hymnals have been secured. The Women's Association has opened a Service Committee project, which enlists from members people who are willing to meet emergencies in the homes of others. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

**ALAMEDA.** Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor, is the new president of the Alameda Council of Churches, an organization only one year old but which on account of the program of religious activities among defense workers has proved its worth and importance. Veterans' organizations were represented on Memorial Sunday. The young people gave entertainment at a potluck supper and received an offering of $40 to help finance delegates to Loma Mar.

**CALAVERAS COUNTY.** Rev. John G. Dickey offered the invocation at the unveiling of the life-size statue of Mark Twain in Utica Park, in the center of Angels Camp. Mr. Dickey is chairman of the Scout committee for the locality. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of their marriage and also of his entrance into the ministry. Three musicians assisted in services at the C.Y.A. Camp.

**LOLETA.** At its first annual meeting after reorganization the church reported a present membership of 35, with average attendance at the church through the year of 21 and at Sunday School of 24. More than $50 was given to benevolences by the church and almost as much by the Sunday School. The church was received into the Redwood Empire Association. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has been loaned by the Ferndale church as pastor.

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# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The next meeting of the Federation will be Thursday, August 17.

## Women's Far Flung Interests

The Federation of Congregational Women met, as usual, May 19, in the First Church, Oakland. Business matters included the election of the following delegates: To the women's meetings at the National Council at Grand Rapids, in June: Mrs. J. H. McCartney, President of the Bay Association; to the M.E.M. Conference at San Anselmo, July 26 to 31: Mrs. Philip Greisinger and Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Reading Lists Chairman and Second Vice-President, respectively; to the Institute of International Relations at Mills College, June 18 to 28: Mrs. Earl D. Doxsee, Secretary of the Christian Home.

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, urged that we inform ourselves concerning the issues to be presented during the coming elections, and that we get our information, not from campaign speeches, but from such sources as "Advance," the "Christian Century," and others. Mrs. Doxsee, in an excellent report dealing with the pre-school child, urged the establishment of small neighborhood groups of the mothers of such children, to discuss with a competent adviser the problems that arise. Mrs. Doxsee has started a number of such groups and will gladly give assistance to others. She is trained for this service. Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, called our attention to an article in the Pilgrim Highroad for March, 1944, concerning the Japanese Re-location problems, and one in the Advance for January 1944, by Dr. Fred Brownlee, Secretary of the American Missionary Association, and recently interim President of Le Moyne College, on the Negro question. Mrs. Walters urged not only attendance at the M.E.M. Conference, but preparation for it beforehand, through study groups and individual reading.

Information concerning this conference has recently come to hand. Delegates are expected to arrive in time for dinner on Wednesday, July 26, although classes will not open until the following morning. Rates will be the same as for last year—$13.00 for two in a room, with registration fee of $2.50. The theme for study in the homeland is the Indian American, and classes will be led by Mrs. J. K. Cecil of Palo Alto, who is well known as a leader. The text is "The Indian in American Life," an interesting book prepared by a group of collaborators who are experts in their field. This promises well, but it is the foreign field study which this year is outstanding. The subject is South East Asia, and includes all those regions which are so constantly in the papers and in our thoughts—Burma, Thailand, the Philippines, the Solomons, New Guinea, to mention a few. The author of the study book is Basil Mathews, which is equivalent to saying that his book, "The Unfolding Drama in Southeast Asia," will be as enthralling as a story. The leader will be Dr. Willis C. Lamott, himself formerly a missionary in the Orient. Let us make a special effort to attend the conference this year. Make reservations with Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 222 Moncada Way, San Francisco 12. The conference closes with luncheon on Monday, the 31st.

The report of Mrs. James Price, Assistant Foreign Field Secretary, and the included talk by Miss Alice Huggins, recently returned on the "Gripsholm" after internment in the Philippines, were both so hedged about with prohibitions against the publication of their material, that we can only say that it was all absorbingly interesting, and that those who were not there missed a treat.

Mrs. Chester Marliave, of the Speakers' Bureau, mentioned two speakers whom she can secure if given time—one, a woman who has been a worker in China for ten years, and another who was with Dr. Frank Laubach in the Philippines. Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, reported that there were still some articles, principally sheets and towels, which had not been taken on the quotas, and asked that any society able to do more, communicate with her. Mrs. Gossett thought it possible that some of the young people's groups might care to do this. Her address is 19327 California St., Hayward.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading Lists Secretary, was absent on account of illness, but sent the following suggestions for books especially valuable: Group I: "In Quest of a Kingdom"—Weatherhead; "They Told About Jesus"—Cutler. Group II: "The Art of Living in War-Time" — Greenbie; "Our Young Folks"—Fisher. Group III: "How to Think About War and Peace"—Adler; "To Stem This Tide"—Johnson (also books in the study lists marked M, which are related to the study themes). Group IV: "Journey Into America"—Peattie; "The Little Locksmith" — Hathaway; "They Work for Tomorrow"—Bartlett; "13 Against the Odds"—Embree; "Walt Whitman, An American"—Canby. Mrs. Greisinger urged the reading of some of the older books which may have been missed and named four recent ones: in Group III: "America and Asia"—Owen Lattimore, and "Mother America"—Carlos Romulo; in Group IV: "Blessed Are the Meek"—Zofia Kossak, and "Strange Fruit"—Lillian Smith.

Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon, Assistant Dean of Women at the University of California, took the devotional service, and gave us much to carry away with us. One comment was that Jesus did not go about starting organizations—he just let the light of God shine through him.

Of the valuable report on "The National Council of Christians and Jews at Work", given by Miss Jean Lundberg, there is space for but a brief excerpt. Part of the work of this organization is the sending out of teams representing the three faiths, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, to various Youth Conferences and others. The sole purpose is to promote cooperation among these three. After one such conference, the following stimulating comments were made by some of the young people: "This type of meeting is the clearest way of presenting the actual facts to any group. It is really such meetings that we are fighting for." "I was much impressed that, at last, Catholics, Jews and Protestants have found common ground. After all, we worship the same God. Why not have fellowship?" "Let us hope that in the peace plans these religious democratic ideals are championed by all the victors—**especially by our own country.**"

There are many throughout northern California who will be saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Howard May in Berkeley, May 21. The daughter of a Home Missionary, her heart was in that work, and in past years, while she kept her strength, her delightfully original talks about it were a joy to us all. But it is for the beauty of her quiet life and the warmth of her friendships that she will be most missed and longest remembered.

## PLYMOUTH HOUSE

The social affairs of Plymouth House during March attracted members of the V-12 Naval Training Unit on the Campus, but none of them have as yet attended the religious gatherings of the House. The Sunday evening forums have been addressed by Mrs. Ralph Fisher, Field Secretary William W. Meyer, Winburn Thomas of the Student Volunteer Movement, and Rev. Vere V. Loper. Rev. David Stowe, the Director, has led the Wednesday evening Bible studies.

Cooperation with other religious groups played an important part in the program of Plymouth House during May. It was responsible for chapel service one morning during "Religious Emphasis" week, with David Stowe, the director, giving the message. Thirty-five members and friends attended the semi-annual Plymouth House retreat at Orinda.

### FIELD SECRETARY GOES EAST

Field Secretary William W. Meyer will be a resource leader at the student assembly which meets afternoons during the General Council at Grand Rapids, and also at the Pilgrim Fellowship National Council at Lakeside, Ohio.

### ASHRAM

One of four American Christian ashrams under the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America will be held at San Anselmo July 4-14. Dr. E. Stanley Jones will be a leader, with his morning messages on the theme, "The Way."

### WORLD ORDER COMPACT

Judging from correspondence reaching the editor's desk, many of our churches observed World Order Compact Sunday, and a goodly number of signatures will be forwarded through our delegates to the General Council.

### CHRISTIANITY

"You can analyze Mohammed and Mohammedanism, Buddha and Buddhism, but don't try it with Christ or Christianity. You can't be impartial about either; you accept or you reject."—Sholem Asch, Jewish author of "The Apostle."

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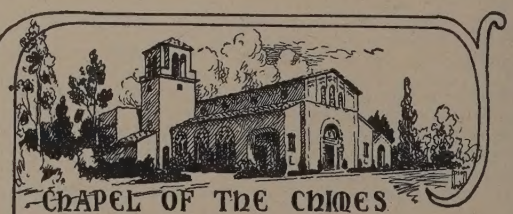
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